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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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VIA : Chairman, National Intelligence Council *Sc*

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SUBJECT : JCS Simulation DELTA-84-M

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1. During the period 24-27 January 1984 I served as Chairman of the Control Team for a JCS politico-military war game examining problems of termination of a tactical nuclear conflict in Europe. The attached pamphlet summarizes the actions and key observations of the various player teams.

2. I particularly want to call your attention to a policy consideration developed by the Control Team (page 29--tab) under "communications with the adversary." The entry recommends establishment of a crisis center in a neutral country, staffed by US and Soviet personnel, to serve as a permanent communications link between the superpowers in crisis or conflict. It suggests that exercises be held periodically to season the staffs and to refine emergency procedures.

3. The concept is a variation of that which has been discussed from time to time in the US Senate of having second diplomatic missions in Washington and Moscow for dealing with crises. I believe this formulation could serve a useful purpose without necessarily duplicating the functions of the embassies or of raising doubts about the viability of the center under threat of war. The presumption is that there is a fundamental, long-term peacekeeping (or peacemaking, in time of conflict) responsibility to be shared by the superpowers, whatever the disposition of the governments at any particular time. The crisis center would provide a secure facility for direct confidential exchanges of views between superpower leaders or their representatives, whatever the political climate or military or economic situation elsewhere in the world. Particularly important could be opportunities for formulations of "walk in the woods" types of solutions to

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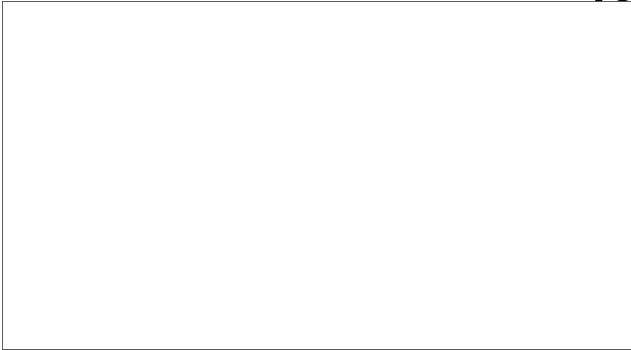
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otherwise intractable problems. Not mentioned in the war game report, but certainly a possibility to be considered, would be some sort of combination of existing arms control missions with the center.



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